

WIESBADEN, Germany - Germany's most powerful political figure, Chancellor Angela Merkel, met with Wiesbaden officials and the area's Installation Management Agency Europe garrison commander during her recent visit to the state of Hessen.

In remarks to area leaders, including USAG commander Lt. Col Timothy R. Wulff, Merkel said of the local American military community of approximately 17,000, "We are very glad to have you here." The chancellor also said, "The state of Hessen and the city of Wiesbaden are doing a good job taking care of you."

Merkel referred to her summer meeting with President George W. Bush in her home state of Mecklenburg as "very productive."

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